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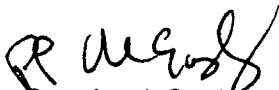
Rear Admiral Mary Landry
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
Hale Boggs Federal Building
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Admiral Landry:

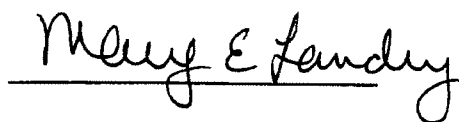
In compliance with the May 26, 2010 Dispersant Monitoring and Assessment Directive - Addendum 3 (the "Directive"), BP Exploration & Production Inc. ("BP") has eliminated the surface application of dispersants except in cases where an exemption is requested and justified, and approved by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

BP has located a large (2x0.5 miles) dispersible oil slick approximately 90 miles Southeast of Houma, Louisiana with suitable weather for dispersant operations, i.e. visibility > 4 sm, ceiling > 1500 ft and winds less than 35 knots. BP anticipates that, due to the location and size of the oil slick the use of mechanical recovery and ISB will provide insufficient means due to the travel distance to the site and the operational time needed to remove this spill volume, on May 28, 2010. Accordingly, in accordance with the Directive, BP respectfully requests an exemption to apply EC9500A in volumes not to exceed 15,000 gallons for a period not to exceed 12 hours.

Sincerely,


Douglas J. Suttles

Exemption approved subject to the above:



Date: 5/28/2010

Mary E. Landry
Rear Admiral, USCG
Federal On-Scene Coordinator